



2025 AGM: Information relating to the proposed resolution to transfer league affiliation

The Warrandyte Junior Football Club (WJFC) Committee has endorsed, by unanimous agreement, a transfer from the Yarra Junior Football League (YJFL) to the Eastern Football Netball League (EFNL). The reasons for seeking a league transfer include:

1. alignment with our senior club who are an affiliated club of the EFNL, improving the transition for our players from junior to senior football;
2. shorter travel times to games and playing against more clubs who are part of Warrandyte's broader eastern suburbs community; and
3. improved player retention and attraction, particularly amongst high school aged players, with the majority of WJFC players attending schools within the EFNL region.

To enable a transfer of league affiliation to occur, the WJFC Committee is putting forward the following proposed resolution at the 2025 Annual General Meeting:

That the Warrandyte Junior Football Club withdraw its affiliation with the Yarra Junior Football League and accept affiliation with the Eastern Football Netball League by such date as determined by the Committee.

The information contained in the tables below provide key comparisons between the YJFL and EFNL to assist members consider this motion. If you have any questions regarding the proposed motion, please feel free to contact WJFC's President, Duncan Loydell, at president@warrandytejfc.org or any other member of the WJFC Committee.

League comparisons:

	Yarra Junior Football League (YJFL)	Eastern Football Netball League (EFNL)
League size	32 clubs 428 teams 93 girls' teams	53 clubs (37 clubs fielding junior teams) 527 teams 114 girls' teams
Match rules	Near identical rules matrix	Near identical rules matrix
League costs	Higher price per player but with more inclusions, such as Umpires and Medics. Broadly similar annual league costs, after taking account of payment for Umpires and Medics in EFNL.	Lower cost per player but with less inclusions, such as Umpires and Medics. Broadly similar annual league costs, after taking account of payment for Umpires and Medics in EFNL.
Player registration fees	Player registration fees, including the WJFC component, will be the same in YJFL and EFNL.	Player registration fees, including the WJFC component, will be the same in YJFL and EFNL.
Game times	Game times change week-by-week.	Less variation in game times each week.



	Yarra Junior Football League (YJFL)	Eastern Football Netball League (EFNL)
Fixture	Changes throughout the season; staged release.	Set and distributed early in season.
U8 to U10 Comp.	U8s play home and away games (usually 08:30am). U9s & 10s both play in regional zones. U10s can move zones mid/late season to assist grading.	U8s play in a hub at the same ground every week. Times can vary. U9s & 10s play in regional zones.
Girls age groups	U9, U11, U12, U14, U16, U18	U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18

Travel time from Warrandyte Reserve to Opposition Club grounds:

	Yarra Junior Football League (YJFL)	Eastern Football Netball League (EFNL)
15 mins or less	4 clubs (13%)	5 clubs (16%)
16 to 20 mins	6 clubs (19%)	6 clubs (19%)
21 to 25 mins	6 clubs (19%)	12 clubs (39%)
26 to 30 mins	7 clubs (23%)	8 clubs (26%)
31 to 35 mins	5 clubs (16%)	4 clubs (13%)
More than 35 mins	3 clubs (10%)	2 clubs (6%)

Note: Templestowe Junior Football Club is included in the YJFL column but is transferring to EFNL in 2026.
Park Orchard-North Ringwood Parish Sharks Junior Football Club is included in the YJFL column but intends on transferring to EFNL in 2027.